

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention relates to an electron optical system array having a plurality of electron lenses.

- 5 The electron optical system array includes a plurality of electrodes arranged along the paths of a plurality of charged-particle beams. Each of the plurality of electrodes has a membrane in which a plurality of apertures are formed on the paths of the plurality of
- 10 charged-particle beams, and a support portion which supports the membrane. At least two of the plurality of electrodes are arranged to form a nested structure.

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